

*No. of Accounts in lakhs Amount in Rs. crores*

State	September, 1989		September, 1990	
	No of account	Amount outstanding	No. of account	Amount Outstanding
Gujarat	12.85	558.30	12.22	613.77
Rajasthan	8.16	493.16	9.13	529.37

The data reporting system does not generate district-wise break-up of the information given above.

#### **Terrorist Activities in Gulf of Mannar**

4922. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to stop the terrorist activities in the Gulf of Mannar;

(b) the number of fishermen killed by the terrorists during the last three years;

(c) whether the Union Government have given any compensation to the families of the deceased;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Indian Navy/Coast Guard have enhanced their patrolling/air surveillance over the Gulf of Mannar in order to, *inter alia*, check the infiltration of terrorists.

(b) As per information conveyed by the Government of Tamil Nadu, 7 Indian fishermen are reported to have been killed by terrorists in the Gulf of Mannar during the last three years.

(c) to (e). No compensation has been paid by the Union Government. However, the Tamil Nadu Government have reported that they paid a sum of Rs. 12,000.00 to the next-of-kin of six fishermen from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. The next-of-kin of one fisherman was paid Rs. 15,000.00 by the National Federation of Fishermen Cooperative Society Ltd. New Delhi, as the deceased fisherman was a member of the said Society.

#### **National Centre for Jute Diversification**

4923. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:  
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up a National Centre for Jute Diversification at Calcutta;

(b) if so, the main objectives thereof; and

(c) the time by which the centre is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) It has been decided to set up a National Centre for Jute Diversification at Calcutta with its Regional Centre at NOIDA.